Thai - Oshie Handicraft

Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn graciously asked Mr. Taruo Yomura, a Japanese artisan, to teach Thai – Oshie Handicraft to disabled veterans. At present, disabled veterans who have been treated at Veterans General Hospital (VGH) gain more expert skills and are capable of making beautiful and unique handicrafts, resulting Thai – Oshie Handicrafts are well – known and accepted to the general public.

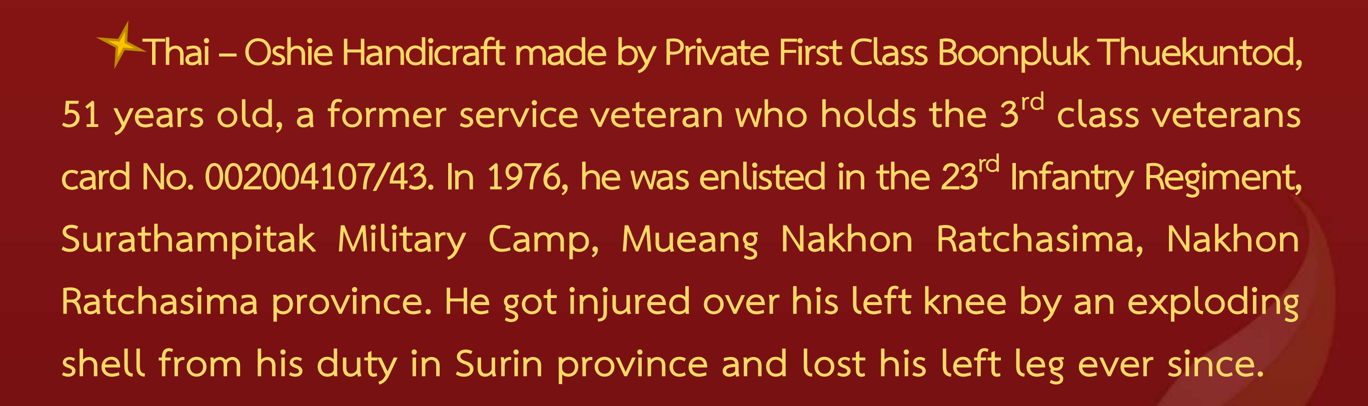







KINNAREE
ON HER SIDE FACE





Thai – Oshie Handicraft made by Private First Class Boonpluk Thuekuntod, 51 years old, a former service veteran who holds the 3rd class veterans card No. 002004107/43. In 1976, he was enlisted in the 23rd Infantry Regiment, Surathampitak Military Camp, Mueang Nakhon Ratchasima, Nakhon Ratchasima province. He got injured over his left knee by an exploding shell from his duty in Surin province and lost his left leg ever since.

Kinnon, Kinnaree or Kinnara are kind of creatures which are described as part human and part bird. In Hindu and Buddhist mythology, they are believed to come from the Himalayas. There was an ancient Indian musical instrument called Kinnaree – Veena and their character was clarified in the Adiparva of the Mahabharata as well.







THE FINE ART OF WOODCARVING

H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej granted an initiationfor the establishment of the vocational training center at Phramongkutklao Hospital, providing woodcarving training for disabled veterans as a guideline for their future careers after retirement. On 9th October, 1970 H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej presided over the opening of the Medical Division Building The War Veterans Organization of Thailand Under Royal Patronage of H.M. the King (the current Veterans General Hospital) and continued the woodcarving training for disabled veterans.











THE THAI-OSHIE ARTWORK

Intending to expand more career opportunities for the disabled veterans, in October, 1979 Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn assigned a Japanese art instructor from Chitralada school, Mr.Teruo Yomura to teach the Thai-Oshie artwork for disabled veterans.The Thai-Oshie artwork is the unique and well-known craft made by the veterans. It is an exquisited 3D fabric picture, which combines the beauty of traditional Thai and Japanese arts.







Currently, The Vocational Training Center of Physical Medince and Rehabilitation Division provides more variable training courses such as decoupage, astrology, watercolor painting, oil painting, etc. that are suitable for individual interests and disabilities.

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